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C O N F I D E N T I A L DUBLIN 1676

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EI, MARR, PINT
SUBJECT: VISIT BY US NAVAL SHIPS

REF: STATE 205191

1. I CONCUR WITH CAPTAIN KAVANAGH'S OPINION THAT THERE MOST PROBABLY WOULD BE NO OBJECTION ON THE PART OF THE GOI TO A VISIT BY A U.S. NAVY SHIP TO IRELAND. I DO NOT WANT TO GIVE A BLANKET APPROVAL AT THIS TIME TO AN ONGOING "VISIT PROGRAM". THE DEPARTMENT IS FULLY AWARE OF THE CIVIL STRIFE ON THIS ISLAND. AS OF THIS MOMENT THE SECURITY SITUATION IN THE REPUBLIC OF IRELAND IS UNDER CONTROL, BUT PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES IN PUBLIC PLACES IN THE LARGER CITIES ARE VERY STRINGENT AND AN ESCALATION OF "TROUBLES" WITH SPILLOVER IN THE REPUBLIC COULD TAKE PLACE AT ANY TIME. THUS, I WOULD LIKE TO BE ASSURED THAT AFTER A SUCCESSFUL FIRST VISIT, SUBSEQUENT PORT CALLS WOULD BE HANDLED STRICTLY ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS.

2. I WOULD PREFER THAT THE FIRST VISIT BE TO DUBLIN, BUT WOULD HAVE NO OBJECTION TO CORK BEING SELECTED AS AN ALTERNATIVE PORT OF CALL. I DO NOT BELIEVE THE GOI WOULD HAVE ANY PROBLEMS WITH EITHER CITY BEING CHOSEN.
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3. I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE DEPARTMENT AND WITH NAVY ON THE TIMING OF THE VISIT AND THE TYPE OF SHIP TO BE CHOSEN. IT GOES WITHOUT SAYING THAT THE GOI WOULD NOT ACCEPT A VISIT FROM A NUCLEAR-POWERED VESSEL OR ONE CARRYING NUCLEAR ARMAMENTS.
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